every alternate year, inviting outstanding children's films form all over the world. Films certified as children's films by the Central Board of Film Certification are considered by State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for grant of exemption from entertainment tax. Government also gives an award to the best children's film every year in the National Film Festival.

Inadequate Telephone Facilities in Maharashtra

2072. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the districts of Maharashtra where telephone facilities are inadequate;

(b) whether any proposal for expansion of communication facilities in those districts are under consideration; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c). There is waiting list in all the districts of Maharashtra and the details of waiting list for the telephone connections, district-wise as on 31.10.96 are given in Annexure. There are proposals to expand communication facilities in all the districts of Maharashtra. The targets for providing telephone connection district-wise during 1996-97 are also given in Annexure.

STATEMENT

Names of districts in Maharashtra with waiting list for telphone connections and the target for providing telephones during the current year (1996-97)

Sl.No.	Name of Districts	Waiting List as on 31.10.96	Target for 1996-97
1	2	3	4
1.	Jalgaon	12562	5800
2.	Raigad	6548	7000
3.	Kalyan	65172	36000
4.	Ratnagiri	6018	1800
5.	Sindhudurg	3083	1500
6.	Sangali	12787	7000
7.	Satara	7626	5800
8.	Solapur	9597	8800
9.	Nagpur	16448	13000
10.	Beed	2907	1700
11.	Jalna	1631	700
12.	Latur	3676	3000
13.	Osmanabad	1514	1200
14.	Parbhani	1634	1600
15.	Ahmednagar	14669	9200
16.	Aurangabad	8045	7600
17.	Nanded	2439	2700
18.	Nasik	26646	15300
19.	Dhule	8359	4700
20.	Pune	54808	39500
21.	Akola	3658	3900
22.	Amravati	4815	3700
23.	Bhandara	1793	1100
24.	Buldhana	2132	1000
25.	Kolhapur	12761	4400
26.	Chandrapur	2912	2500
27.	Gadhchiroli	412	(262)*
28.	Wardha	1715	1500
29.	Yeotmal	3273	1000

Note :- * Out of 2500 of Chandrapur SSA.

[English]

Survey for Talcher-Sukinda Railway Line

2073. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a survey has been conducted on the proposed Talcher-Sukinda railway line in Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken to construct that line; and

(c) the estimated cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The survey report is under finalisation in consultation with the Zonal Railway. Further consideration of the Project jointly with Planning Commission will be possible once the results of the survey are finalised.

(c) As per the survey report, the estimate cost is Rs.245.58 crores.

Introduction of New Trains from Rajasthan

2074. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any demands have been made by the Government of Rajasthan for introducing new trains from Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) if so, whether some of their demands have been examined; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to introduce new trains during the last three years;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

Trains Introduced serving Rajasthan during the last three years (Jan. '94 to Oct. '96) include :

1994

1. 391/392 (New No. 199/200) Bikaner-Jaipur Fast Passenger
2. 4721/4722 New Delhi-Sriganganagar Express
3. 393/394 Jodhpur-Bikaner Passenger
4. 2465/2466 Jodhpur-Jaipur Express
5. 181/182 Jaipur-Rewari Express
6. 183/184 Alwar-Rewari Shuttle
7. 185/186 Alwar-Mathura Shuttle
8. 2413/2414 Jaipur-Delhi Express.
9. 2015/2016 New Delhi-Jaipur Shatabdi Express
10. 4711/4712 Chandigarh-Sriganganagar Express
11. 9735/9736 Jaipur-Sikar-Lohari Express
12. 10 Pairs of Rail Bus services between marta Road and Merta City.

1995

1. 2461/2462 Mandore Express
2. 4863/4864 Marudhar Express
3. 187/188 Jaipur-Hissar shuttle
4. 9759/9760 Jaipur-Delhi Express
5. 2467/2468 Bikaner-Jaipur Express
6. 1 JPJ/2 JPJ Jaisalmer-Jodhpur Passenger
7. 2307/2308 Jodhpur-Howrah Express
8. 4 pairs of Rail Bus services been Bikaner-Kolayat

1996

1. 33/34 Nimach-Chittaurgarh Passenger
2. 2413A/2414A Jaipur-Ajmer Express
3. 2307A/2308A Bikaner-Merta Road Link Express
4. 9767/976B Jaipur-Madras Express (Weekly)
5. 201/202 Ajmer-Jaipur Fast Passenger
6. 1/2 DR Ratangarh-Degena Passenger
7. 4311/4312 Ajmer-Bareilly Express

Disallowing the Sponsored News Programmes

2075. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to disallow sponsored news programmes on Doordarshan;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether current affairs programmes are likely to be allowed on Doordarshan provided they are submitted for regular vetting of officials of Doordarshan; and

(d) if so, the details and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Current Affairs programmes under sponsored/commissioned categories are already being allowed on Doordarshan provided they conform to the Broadcast Code and Doordarshan's prescribed guidelines.

[Translation]

Additional Railway Route Length

2076. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :
SHRI DINSHA PATEL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of net addition of railway route length in the country during the last three years, zone-wise;

(b) the details of the target and achievement during the above period;

(c) whether it is a fact that the net addition of route length was negligible in the Western Zone during the above period; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The zone-wise net addition of railway route kilemeters during the last three years is indicated in the statement attached.

(b) The target of construction of new lines was 428 Kms. against which achievement has been 374 Kms. There has also been some addition to route length due to adjustments resulting from gauge conversions.